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The Convention Story

The Grand Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma held its twenty-second meeting at Lake Wawasee, Indiana, September 4-7, 1946. Attending the four-day session were representatives from nearly all of the undergraduate chapters of the fraternity, and an unusually generous sprinkling of alumni. The discussion and business meetings were characterized by protracted and serious endeavor, an outstanding feature being the forensic skill of the delegates and alternates. In general, participants expressed themselves as well-pleased with the proceedings. Certainly, the featured speakers furnished plenty of inspirational material, and the free exchange of experiences among the delegates gave fresh significance to the meaning of fraternity membership.

Forman in Chair

Jonathan Forman, *Omega,* president of the Grand Chapter, opened the convention with the traditional President's Address. In his usual machine-gun manner, he pointed out the relationship of social and economic changes to the problems of fraternity management, present and future. His bullets tore unmercifully at all elements currently engaged in trying to regiment the profession, and more than one grenade exploded with telling violence close to sacred academic walls. Forman urged upon the convention not the maintenance of the *status quo* but the adjustment of fraternity tempo to assure a militant and dynamic answer to the challenges of fluid times.

Forman then reviewed the history of the organization during the war years. Hostilities came close upon the heels of the last convention of the order and prevented scheduled meetings. Consequently, the Executive Council, its own ranks depleted

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Meet the Officers

At the Philadelphia convention in 1939, a past-president of the fraternity predicted, "Paul McLain will some day be president of our fraternity." The prophecy was recently fulfilled by action of the Grand Chapter at Lake Wawasee.

PAUL L. MCLAIN, *Chi*
President of the Grand Chapter

Paul L. McLain, *Chi,* of Pittsburgh, was treasurer and later president of his chapter as an undergraduate. He first received national notice as councilor for Western Pennsylvania. Under his leadership, his chapter experienced a new growth, not only in numbers but in spirit, developing a real awareness of its national affiliations. In 1939, Dr. McLain was elected editor of THE JOURNAL and carried that responsibility until he assumed his present duties. In addition to the business of getting out the official organ of the fraternity, he contributed to the historical summary used in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Phi Rho Sigma and prepared printer's copy for most of the fraternity publications which appeared during his editorship. A lasting contribution to interfraternity procedures was the

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First Phi Rho Medalists

An entirely new feature of the recent convention, and a highlight by all standards, was the presentation of gold medals to prominent Phi Rho's for meritorious service. Two such awards were made: to Ralph M. Waters, *Kappa,* for outstanding contributions to medicine; and to Clifford G. Grulee, *Alpha,* for outstanding contributions to the fraternity. Each medalist responded with a splendid address.

The idea of such an award was suggested some years ago by the late President Irving S. Cutter, and was developed and expanded by the Executive Council under the leadership of Jonathan Forman. One of the awards, that for meritorious contributions to medicine, is therefore quite appropriately designated as the Irving S. Cutter Medal. The other honors the memory of Jesse Ansley Griffin, founder of Chi Zeta Chi Fraternity, which amalgamated with Phi Rho Sigma in 1929.

In the Irving S. Cutter Address, entitled "An Oldster Looks at Specialties, Old and New," Dr. Waters reviewed in a most entrancing manner the development of modern specialties. Basing his views on personal experience in the training of anesthetists, and on observations of similar training in other specialties, Dr. Waters advocated strongly a period of general practice for aspirants to specialty certification, prior to their embarkation on the required resident training. Such a plan, he believes, would greatly benefit the individual by broadening his social and his clinical outlook, and would tend to minimize or at least to delay the narrowing influences of specialized training and practice. It would also help to relieve the current shortage of general practitioners, especially if the

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Why A Fraternity?

(The Jesse Ansley Griffin Address, delivered at the Twenty-Second Meeting of the Grand Chapter, September 6, 1946)

By CLIFFORD G. GRULEE, *Alpha*

That I am honored and pleased on being awarded the Jesse Ansley Griffin Medal scarcely expresses my sensation. The award is so singularly distinctive that one would be peculiarly stoical were he not deeply moved. All I can do is to thank you all for this honor.

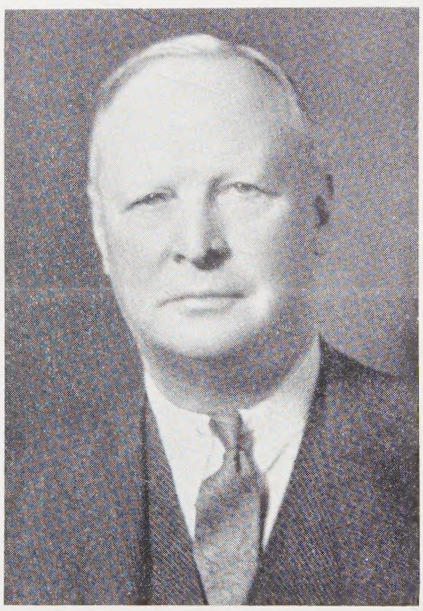
I had thought that my humble efforts to promote the interests of Phi Rho Sigma had long since been forgotten and the astonishment that I felt on receipt of the letter notifying me of the award was very great. It carried me back some forty years to the time when I was first made the secretary of the fraternity and to the good times enjoyed.

Since the earliest time men have congregated in groups, for protection at first, and later for instruction and amusement. Next to the marriage relation there is probably no other more widespread or more ancient. First came the family and then primitive man sought the companionship of his fellows as a means of protection against wild animals or other groups of his own kind. The priests of ancient Egypt were a strong, well-coordinated group which clung together and frequently formed a predominating influence in the state. Greece had her academies, usually assembled about some outstanding leader, but organized as much for fellowship as for discussion and instruction. There must be in human nature a compelling urge to such companionship, an urge that is not to be suppressed by fiat or force.

There are individuals who live outside such bonds and who shoot their poisoned darts at all such organization. But persistently the groups continue to exist and thrive while their detractors go the way of all who oppose the fundamentals of human nature and attempt by suppression or law to kill human instincts.

Through the intimate association with one's fellows an insight into life itself is given which cannot be replaced by any other method. Some pedagogues would have us think that all in life is lore. But he who must meet the world face to face realizes that not only a man's mental attainments but his soul are what count. Brilliant mental gifts are of no value without character. In fact they probably are a great danger to the world. How often among your fellows one man stands out, not because of a brilliant intellect but because of his courage and integrity. You know that he is the man to be depended upon in a crisis who by cool judgment and fair dealing will guide his fellows safely.

To me the two virtues which seem most essential to the good and happiness of mankind are integrity and unselfishness. No matter how brilliant a man's intellect may be nor



CLIFFORD G. GRULEE, *Alpha*

how charming his approach to his fellows, if his motives be selfish and his activities be tinged with guile he soon loses his influence and becomes one of the outer fringe and not of the inner circle. We have all met these men in our chapter contacts and estimated them accordingly in their later efforts. Nor can a chapter afford to demean itself by accepting such men into its midst because of some temporary advantage. In the long run the fraternity suffers from such action and long afterwards bears the stigma of its ill-considered act.

In after years we more and more wish to know not what a man writes but what he is. Everything that is written is colored by the background and character of the author. To know men is to evaluate what is written and preached. Not only is honesty necessary but breadth of view as well. The frustrated individual of small income is frequently honest but his outlook on life is narrowed oftentimes by envy and spite. He may not be aware of this himself and usually is not, but such a background necessarily colors his opinions.

When one attends a medical meeting he goes not so much to hear what is told there (he can usually read that in the magazines afterward) but rather to get an impression of the integrity and character of the participants in the program. In the preparation for life the development of one's ability to estimate one's fellow men is of the utmost importance, and where can this be obtained more readily or more profoundly than in the fraternity?

Some men are selfish and egotistic, others are always ready to help their fellows and give to them and to the world whatever they have to offer. The former individual is soon spotted by his fellows in a fraternity and the latter is loved.

Those who have criticized the fraternity have entirely overlooked the advantages of these impalpable things to the man and the community and have stressed the unhappiness caused by the failure of some individuals to be included in the groups of their fellows. Such individuals usually go through life out of touch with the world, not because of their experiences but because of themselves. The national fraternity tends to extend such contacts and to direct efforts towards fundamentally practical ideals. Customs and ways vary in different localities but the basis of good character is the same the world over and the national grouping of chapters in a fraternity tends to broaden the viewpoint of its members and to extend acquaintanceship. This tends to thrust aside the narrow judgments based on local tradition and to broaden the conception of what is worth-while.

We must all remember that youth is a part of life and that its enthusiasms and urges may determine the future. Let us all recognize that one of the potent factors in life is the experience that we get from association with our fellows and that in no place

is this closer or more profitable than in the fraternity circle.

In medicine character is all important. The approach to one's duties, whatever they are, in the home, in the hospital, in the laboratory, must be four-square and broad-minded. It is by no means always the brilliant individual who is most respected by his fellows, and the self seeker is always under suspicion. Fraternities, national and local, set before you the best of medical ideals and by every means in their power seek to promote them.

The good opinion of our fellows is the goal which is most sought for by all of us and the sign posts pointing the way are erected by those who have gone before and have had experience; hence, the national fraternity with the older heads to guide the footsteps of those who follow.

Perhaps I might end my remarks by giving some personal experiences which I feel have materially influenced my medical life. An old man is excused for being reminiscent and sometimes his experiences are of benefit as an example to others. Like many another medical student, when I finished my fourth year in medical school I was without funds. I had to wait six months to get my internship and, therefore, was looking around for something to do. I went to one of the Phi Rho's in the faculty and asked him if he had any work for me to do. He said yes, he wanted to write a book and that he would like somebody to look up the literature for him. I knew nothing about the use of a medical library and I tackled the job with fear and trembling, urged on by necessity. It entailed reading articles in several different languages with which I was not at all conversant and it meant that I should have to go through these articles with a dictionary.

I lived in a suburb of Chicago and the Crerar Library was then located on the North Side. I spent my time going in and out on the suburban trains studying French and Italian and brushing up on a very meager supply of German which was at my disposal. Suffice it to say that at the end of about three months I had abstracted some two hundred articles, many of them in foreign languages, and had sat down and compiled these in book form. Believe it or not, this book, which was the first I had compiled, was on the subject of Fallopian tubes. You might think that all this time that I had put in, aside from the small recompense I received, was lost. The book was never published and I suspect from what I know of the kindly gentleman who hired me that he never had any intention of publishing such a book, although he was a gynecologist.

The point is that this familiarization with medical literature and what was doing in the medical world essentially influenced my later life. From that time on I had a much broader conception of what the world was doing and also an idea of how to use a library.

Two or three things developed from this. One was that I began to collect a pediatric library of my own which has reached rather large proportions at present. The second was that when I was asked to become editor of a pediatric journal I had a broad conception of what such journals should be, and the third was that when I had the audacity to publish a book under my own name I had a conception of how books of the better sort were written. As you see, this small beginning resulted for me in an interest along broad and productive lines and I must always go back to the fact that the work was prompted by a faculty member of my fraternity.

The second way in which the fraternity very definitely influenced my life came with my appointment as national secretary of the organization when I was still senior interne in the hospital. Somebody must have taken an awfully long chance and I am quite sure that the results were of more benefit to me than to the fraternity. I entered into this work with a great deal of enthusiasm. At that time, you should know, the officers of the Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity were centered in Chicago because they wanted a group there that would be able to work together and carry on the work of the fraternity, which consisted at that time of very few chapters. The mother chapter was the one to which I belonged and the other two chapters in Chicago were quite active. This continued for several years until, at my suggestion, the officers of the fraternity were elected from other places since the fraternity had grown so greatly that it could no longer be considered primarily a Chicago enterprise.

This period of my life was determining in that it gave me an insight into organizational work and incidently a very keen knowledge of men and how to estimate them. This has always stood me in good stead. As a matter of fact, there has never been a time from that day to this when I have not been secretary of some medical organization, usually national in scope. I am quite sure that my early experience in the fraternity as national secretary has been responsible for my positions later in medical societies, and what little success I have had has been largely due to the early training which I received in that position.

You will see from this narrative that it is often things of small consequence in life which influence one's activities. I would not have you think that one develops because of such opportunities. It is the grasping of such opportunities or rather the possibility of the opportunities that arise which makes for or against success in life. The individual, however, must choose these opportunities and fit them into his abilities. As the world goes, no one man influences it materially but if one is able to add his bit towards advancement for the good of humanity he can feel a certain satisfaction in his accomplishments.

The fraternity is a place for fellowship and opportunity. All will not grasp the chances which present themselves. Many will be imbued with the idea that the fraternity is meant to promote personal interests. To my way of thinking, that is a poor way to judge of a fraternity. What a fraternity offers is opportunities for fellowship and the estimation of character. What each man gets out of a fraternity is largely what he puts into it, but I feel that the medical life of each member is definitely influenced by his associations, both local and national, in the fraternity; and I am sure that it is only by an unselfish devotion to the principles of fraternity life that he will get the best of the good things which it has to offer.

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Concerning Policy

With this issue, we lay aside the pen for the gavel. The transition has rather striking personal portents, but we have no illusions as to its impact on the organization. Fortunately, the fraternity is much greater than its personalities, and its program, though implemented by its current officers, is cut broadly, to a long-range pattern rather than to the vagaries of the moment. A great deal of thought has been given to the program of Phi Rho Sigma through the years, and in this program may be found not only the seeds of the idealism which we profess but the justification of our existence as a fraternity on an international scale.

No organization which is dedicated to service can remain static. If its initial objectives are successfully attained, there must be a shift of emphasis or there surely will be stagnation and eventual disintegration. Such modification of fraternity objectives, all within the broad framework of its fundamental precepts, has characterized the history of Phi Rho Sigma. Thus, the early years were devoted to assuring to medical students the standing of gentlemen in their respective communities. There followed a period of drive toward suitable student-faculty relations. These worthy goals achieved, the organization sought and realized remarkable material expansion. It then entered upon an era of development as a fundamentally professional rather than a merely social fraternity. We are still operating in the latter epoch, though we have already passed through several distinct phases of professional activity.

In general, then, the policy of the Grand Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma has been geared to outstanding needs on the part of medical students or of the medical profession. There has always been sufficient organizational flexibility to allow for meeting local conditions, but whether or not the individual chapters are aware of the fact, they are constantly carried along by the national tide in a direction determined by the representatives of all the chapters. It should prove profitable at this particular time to analyze the need and to ascertain the direction.

For many years, now, the cauldron of medical education has been boiling merrily, and the leaders have been stirring it about in the hope that some ideal curriculum might precipitate out. Despite numerous local explosions, each hailed as the answer to this most complex problem, the contents of the cauldron remain turbid. Indeed, the constant addition of more ingredients to the brew can hardly be expected to result in any marked clarification. While there is little agreement as to the precise contour of the ideal medical graduate, and even less unity of opinion as to the method of achieving this happy state, most thoughtful educators are dissatisfied with the product of our medical schools. The trouble lies not so much with technical preparation for practice as with inadequacy for assuming the place in a community which can reasonably be expected of a professional man. Such inadequacy, indeed, is widespread even with regard to the public aspects of medical affairs.

If experience can be relied upon as a guide, there seems little likelihood that the admitted deficiencies of formal medical education will be supplied by juggling the curriculum. The problems involved do not lend themselves to easy classification, nor to didactic presentation in the form of courses. Even if suitable courses could be devised, their inclusion as medical school disciplines would hardly seem advisable in view of the constantly increasing academic pressure essential to acquiring simply the tools of the profession. The alternative, of course, is some sort of extramural education. Yet instruction is not the need so much as inspiration and example. It is widely, though by no means universally, recognized that fraternities have precisely the structure, organization, and personnel best suited to supplementing the medical curriculum in the manner indicated. More than one medical dean has placed himself on record to this effect; thousands of fraternity members could testify similarly from personal experience.

The leaders of Phi Rho Sigma, cognizant of needs and trends, began over thirty years ago to emphasize the type of training now deemed one of the most urgent current requirements. Falteringly, at first, because the path was ill-defined, but gaining assurance and momentum with experience, our fraternity has attempted to foster the relationships, to emphasize the values, to facilitate all possible mechanisms whereby medical undergraduate and graduate alike may learn his social and professional responsibilities, and may go some distance, at least, toward learning to meet them.

The need for sound judgment, for realization of social and professional responsibilities, was certainly never greater than at the present moment. Conflicting ideologies of government, of social order, of business relations, of economics, even of life itself fill the air like gnats on a summer evening. The traditional form of medical service in the United States is gravely threatened and will probably undergo some major modification. Yet every physician has a moral as well as an implied legal contract with every patient he undertakes to assist, and no type of "ism" applied to the medical profession is going to abolish such a fundamental relationship. The sort of mental equipment, the character required for facing these and similar problems will not be fostered by medical schools. It cannot be by the very nature of things. Our fraternity is therefore challenged anew to extend every effort and to employ every device it can muster to assist its members to act intelligently in this crisis. This, as your officers see it, is the need, and this is the direction in which the organization is required to operate for many years to come.

Important Notice!

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by the demands of military service, kept the machinery from stalling during the emergency. There were, quite naturally, many items on the debit side of the ledger. Several chapters were forced into inactivity. Others were obliged to modify plans for the purchase of homes, or to abandon homes occupied in pre-war days. The program of the national organization was severely curtailed. Militarization of the student body and the adoption of accelerated schedules by most schools created peculiar and unaccustomed problems. Despite these adverse influences, the organization emerged from the war financially solvent, with splendidly maintained membership, and even with a few positive accomplishments quite apart from the fact of survival. Among the latter were the publication of the song book, continued publication of THE JOURNAL in the face of editorial and printing difficulties, printing of the fraternity book-plate, augmentation of the Student Loan Fund, and considerable progress toward effective interfraternity cooperation through the machinery of the Medical Interfraternity Conference.

The present convention, therefore, was obliged to consider how best to consolidate the gains and to repair the breaches incident to the war. It had the further responsibility of charting a constructive program geared to post-war uncertainties.

Important Problems Discussed

Experience at previous conventions had amply demonstrated the value of free discussion on current fraternity questions. Consequently, the program of the present meeting was arranged to allow a great deal of time for such activity. The delegates were quick to seize upon this opportunity, and presented such well-considered and helpful material as to warrant much more detailed reporting than is possible in these columns.

Rushing, always a timely topic, occupied the stage for a considerable period under the chairmanship of Delbert L. Fischer, *Kappa.* Emphasis was placed on the importance of proper selection of pledges, and upon the means of developing a sound basis for such selection. For purposes of discussion, rushing was classified as "cut-throat" and "preferential." Each type had its adherents, but there was a significant trend toward rushing regulations based on interfraternity agreement. Delegates from chapters employing the preferential plan were kept busy explaining its *modus operandi* and its effectiveness.

A very healthy interest in chapter scholarship was epitomized by Edward L. Jacobs, *Mu,* who led the discussion on this subject. He emphasized the importance of proper environment for study, the value of upper-class advisors, special attention to the scholastic difficulties of pledges, and the stimulation of good faculty contacts. In this connection, also, came consideration of "archives" and the role of the chapter library.

Urban chapters, and those located close to large medical centers, have special problems which were aired under the leadership of Robert Spierling, *Alpha.* Most of the attention was directed to the effects of compulsory housing of medical students in dormitories or hospitals. Discussion brought out the fact that this practice of university domination over the students' domestic affairs is on the increase, and that it may be a very superficial or a very complete influence. Some of the delegates, speaking from experience, were able to present favorable reactions in that their chapters had devised means of effecting a compromise between life in the chapter home and life in the chapter dormitory. At some schools, fraternity homes are completely out of the question, yet no approach to a substitute is provided by the school authorities. The various methods of preserving constructive chapter activity under such conditions were outlined.

In connection with the program on chapter housing, Dr. Harry D. Piercy, *Kappa,* treasurer of the Northern Ohio Alumni Association, recounted the checkered history and eventual success of house financing in Cleveland, and gave a most inspiring address, subsequently to be published in THE JOURNAL. Dr. Howard B. Carroll, *Alpha,* described an entirely different approach to the problem, exemplified by the financial wizardry which brought to Alpha Chapter one of the outstanding homes in the fraternity.

John J. Stransky, *Theta-Tau,* gave to the convention a detailed and masterly summary on chapter accounting. He stressed the value of sound budgeting and of simple measures to insure adherence to the budget. In general, continuity of financial control was advocated, but there was noted a trend away from operation of chapters by professional accounting firms, a practice once hailed in some quarters as ideal.

Important Action Taken

In addition to the discussions just outlined, the Grand Chapter transacted some important business. A brief summary of the most critical actions follows.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Constitution and Laws, certain important changes were made in the Laws of Phi Rho Sigma. Chapters will be informed shortly of the exact wording of these changes, but the gist may be given here. Initiation fees for honorary members were eliminated. The Grand Chapter finally adopted for the entire organization the single-fee system for payment of Grand Chapter accounts. This system was authorized on an experimental basis for certain chapters by the 1941 convention. It has been so successful from all standpoints that adoption by the fraternity at large may be considered as a certain forward step. Briefly, the plan requires the payment of all Grand Chapter obligations for each newly initiated member within one year of his initiation, and allows a substantial discount for payment within ninety days. It is possible for chapters to save almost fifty per cent on Grand Chapter dues under this plan. The laws have been further modified to eliminate the compulsory purchase of a fraternity emblem upon initiation.

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Publications, the Grand Chapter approved an extensive program of publication for the coming years. Service leaflets and the Manual are to receive special and immediate attention. The delegates revealed that chapter officers have been somewhat careless about distribution of fraternity publications in the past, and it was the sense of the convention that this situation should be remedied.

The convention authorized the preparation of a new or revised

ritual, to be prepared by the Committee on Ritual and Regalia, and to be ready for official action at the next convention. The new ritual is to be simplified and is to depart from tradition in several important respects.

Special Features

The relative isolation of the convention from the distractions of metropolitan life made possible constructive utilization of the evenings for fraternity affairs. Prior to the official opening of the meetings, the Executive Council sponsored a smoker at which delegates had plenty of opportunity for making acquaintanceships. This party had all of the good features of the traditional "bull-session." It began on a serious note, however, in the form of an historical address by Jonathan Forman. A review of the history of Phi Rho Sigma has been featured at several previous conventions, and has always been well received. It is considered an invaluable means of orienting the delegates.

Following dinner on two successive evenings, memorial addresses were delivered by Ralph M. Waters, *Kappa,* and Clifford G. Grulee, *Alpha.* The speakers were awarded medals struck in honor of the late Irving S. Cutter and the late Jesse Ansley Griffin, respectively. Details of these affairs are presented elsewhere in this issue of THE JOURNAL.

Election of Officers

Those chosen to guide the destinies of Phi Rho Sigma for the next biennium are as follows: Paul L. McLain, *Chi,* president; Ralph W. Elliott, *Kappa,* vice-president for the United States; Harris M. Gray, *Alpha Epsilon,* vice-president for Canada; C. H. William Ruhe, *Chi,* secretary-treasurer; Francis L. Jaubert, *Delta Omicron Alpha,* historian; Lewis A. Alesen, *Beta,* editor. Norman M. Macneill, *Rho,* retiring vice-president, was chosen to the Advisory Council and will serve as its representative on the Executive Council in place of Jonathan Forman, *Omega,* who resigned this post because of the pressure of other activities. The newly-elected Board of Trustees consists of Drs. McLain, Elliott, and Forman.

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development, under his supervision, of a plan for preferential pledging adapted to medical fraternities. Wherever this plan has been adopted, it has created interfraternity harmony and has promoted improved faculty-fraternity relationships. Dr. McLain brings to the presidency the enthusiasm of youth, a full realization of fraternal aims and ideals, and a point of view which should make his services equally valuable to undergraduate and alumnus.

Vice-President for United States

Ralph W. Elliott, *Kappa,* of Cleveland, having served the Fraternity for twenty-five years as secretary-treasurer, will continue to serve the order, but in a different role. He has been named vice-president for the United States. This position, as occupied by Brother Ralph, will differ quite widely from the conventional vice-presidency in that advantage will be taken of the incumbent's unsurpassed knowledge of fraternity affairs. In addition to contributing advice and counsel to the other officers, Dr. Elliott will spend considerable time in the field; he will, in fact, take the lead in the anticipated program of chapter visitation, an important service greatly needed in these post-war years.

Any review of Dr. Elliott's qualifications for office would be superfluous. Presenting him to the convention as a candidate, McLain remarked: "There is no office in Phi Rho Sigma which Ralph could not fill, not just satisfactorily but to perfection. . . . The nominating committee, in suggesting his name for this particular office, feels that it is carrying out Brother Elliott's own wishes, not to retire—for he is not retiring—but to be relieved of some of the burden of detail which he has borne so magnificently this last quarter-century." Few delegates will ever forget the rousing cheers which marked his election. None will forget the moving simplicity of his response: "It has been a pleasure to serve my Fraternity."

Vice-President for Canada

Harris M. Gray, *Alpha Epsilon,* of Toronto, was chosen to succeed himself as vice-president for Canada. The wisdom of having a Canadian representative on the Executive Council has been amply demonstrated. The wisdom of having this particular representative is attested by all who know him. In addition to his regular duties as a member of the fraternity's governing body, Dr. Gray keeps a fatherly eye on Phi Rho affairs across the border and has already gone far toward establishing sound, progressive international policy. As councilor for Ontario, an appointment which he will retain, he has been of inestimable value to the Toronto chapter, as well as an invaluable liaison officer for other Canadian components. Few members of the organization put more of themselves into it, or live more closely to its precepts and ideals.

Secretary-Treasurer

The all-important office of secretary-treasurer was filled by the election of C. H. William Ruhe, *Chi,* of Pittsburgh. Dr. Ruhe has been active in fraternity affairs since undergraduate days, when he served his chapter as secretary and later as president. Shortly after graduation, he entered the national picture as one of the councilors for Pennsylvania. At the same time, he was faculty advisor to Chi Chapter and, during the war years, to the Medical Interfraternity Council at Pitt. The secretary's mantle will not feel strange on Ruhe's broad shoulders. He currently wields the pen for a Pittsburgh scientific society, and until recently occupied similar positions in various church and civic bodies. His meticulous attention to detail, his energy, and his broad grasp of fraternity problems will soon be as well known and as greatly appreciated throughout the realm of Phi Rho Sigma as they now are in and about his home town. Ruhe is assistant professor of physiology and pharmacology at the University of Pittsburgh medical school.

Historian

Another re-election was that of Francis L. Jaubert, *Delta Omicron Alpha,* New Orleans, to the office of historian. The name of Jaubert has long been associated with Phi Rho Sigma in Louisiana, where an especially strong alumni organization was developed under his leadership. In addition, he is rather more than father-confessor to both the New Orleans chapters. A considerable historical chore awaits the historian, but it is hoped that his talents and

interest in other phases of fraternity administration, often demonstrated in the past, will continue to be at our disposal.

Editor

For editor, the Grand Chapter sought out the best talent available and elected Lewis A. Alesen, *Beta,* of Los Angeles. Dr. Alesen is a distinguished surgeon, a prominent figure in organized medicine on the west coast, and a well-known medical writer. The fraternity will share his editorial talents with the *Bulletin of the Los Angeles County Medical Association* and his time with a large number of medical organizations and hospitals. His interest in fraternal matters is of long standing and far from passive; in fact, he has served as president of the Phi Rho Sigma Alumni Association in Los Angeles and has continually been one of the key figures in that strong alumni group. He will assume his new duties at once.

Advisory Council

It is customary for the retiring president to be named Advisory Council representative on the Executive Council. Because of the pressure of other duties, Jonathan Forman signified to the convention his desire to be relieved of this responsibility. Accordingly, the Grand Council elected to the Advisory Council the retiring vice-president, Norman M. Macneill, *Rho,* of Philadelphia, who will serve on the Executive Council. Feeling strongly, however, that the organization should not be deprived of the benefits accruing from the immediate past-president's long service and wide experience, the Council has prevailed upon Dr. Forman to accept chairmanship of the Permanent Grand Chapter Committee on Central Office. Other chairmanships are as follows: Constitution and Laws, Robert M. Graham, *Mu*; Publications, William Bromme, *Zeta*; Ritual and Regalia, Dudley M. Stewart, *Delta Omicron Alpha*; Finance, Howard B. Carroll, *Alpha*; Expansion, Ralph W. Elliott, *Kappa.*

Executive Group Appoints New Councilors

The new Executive Council of the Fraternity, consisting of the officers and the chairmen of permanent Grand Chapter committees, met immediately after the close of the general sessions at Lake Wawasee to consider, among other important matters, the appointment of councilors. The majority of present councilors have been reappointed and will be so notified in due time through official channels. New or additional appointments are as follows: additional councilor for Illinois, Carlos E. Reed (formerly councilor-at-large); Indiana, Cyrus J. Clark; Louisiana, William A. Wagner; Pennsylvania (additional) John F. Huber. Complete addresses of all councilors will be found on the last page of this issue of THE JOURNAL.

The Executive Council attaches the utmost importance to the post of councilor, and expects to expand this feature of the organization. Additional appointments will be announced in the near future.

The Lighter Side

A convention is usually not all work, and the Phi Rho Sigma convention at Lake Wawasee was no exception.

The hotel and its surroundings are spacious and pleasant. The Marine Lounge on the first floor is a large room with plenty of davenports and easy chairs, and there the groups of Phi Rho's congregated before meals. As the mornings and evenings were a trifle cool in early September, fires blazed in the huge fireplaces at either end of this room, making it cheerful and cozy.

From the lounge, a long walk leads to the wide cement walk fronting the lake. Between the hotel and the "boardwalk" spreads a level lawn graced with evergreens, with deck chairs and other comfortable groupings of lawn furniture. Along the walk are canopied swings and chairs where the boys met for chats, to watch the boats, and to admire the moonlight on the water.

Although the lake was chilly in the mornings, some sturdy delegates swam before breakfast, but most waited until afternoon for a dip and sunning on the raft.

Everyone looked forward to the good meals, all of which were served in the porch dining room. On Thursday and Friday evenings, the talks by Dr. Waters and Dr. Grulee were held in this room immediately following dinner. The informal nature of these talks made them social occasions as well as instructive sessions.

As the weather was fine for the entire convention, most of the delegates spent their off-duty hours outdoors Camera fans snapped their shutters, golf addicts swarmed the links, and sight-seers whipped over the lake in motor boats.

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young physicians could be persuaded to practice in small towns or rural communities. Dr. Waters is professor of anesthesiology at the School of Medicine, University of Wisconsin. He has long been a leader in his field, and has done much to elevate anesthesiology to the status of a full-fledged university discipline. The address will be published by the fraternity at a later date.

In response to his award, Dr. Grulee delivered the Jesse Ansley Griffin Address on the subject, "Why a Fraternity?" This most inspiring message on the values of fraternal associations may be read in full elsewhere in this issue of THE JOURNAL. Dr. Grulee is pecularly qualified to deal with such a subject. Although his leadership in the field of pediatrics is universally recognized, much of his appeal to Phi Rho's stems from his personal exemplication of the attributes stressed in his talk—geniality, unselfishness, and integrity. Dr. Grulee was president of the fraternity from 1916 to 1919, and was instrumental in guiding it through the most critical period of its history, that of the first World War. His presence at the recent convention was a most convincing reminder of the durability of fraternal ties.

Ritual To Be Revised

The recent convention has approved the recommendations of the Grand Chapter Committee on Ritual and Regalia for a complete revision of the Phi Rho Sigma Ritual. Some change in the initiation ceremony has been under consideration for several years, and various drafts have been prepared under the direction of Dudley M. Stewart, *Delta Omicron Alpha,* chairman of the committee. Dr. Stewart's committee was instructed to present a new or revised ritual for action at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

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